

Minutes.....September 5, 2000

10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, September 5, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was on a NARUC conference call but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(377) In the matter of CENEX PIPELINE D2000.7.101 - On July 12, 2000, Cenex Pipeline filed a request to increase rates and charges to shippers on its Laurel to Glendive refined products pipeline. Cenex requested an increase of \$2,180,000 in total annual revenues or 25% to help offset the replacement of part of the pipeline between Billings and Glendive. A notice of application and intervention deadline was issued on August 1, 2000, with requests for hearing due on August 25, 2000. No requests for hearing were received. Default Order No. 6266 has been drafted and is ready for action. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Default Order No. 6266. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(378) In the matter of HAVRE PIPELINE D2000.7.106 - On August 2, 2000, Havre Pipeline filed a request to increase rates and charges to its farm tap customers. The amount requested was approximately \$0.6251 per MCF higher than the current \$1.4047 per MCF. This increase is only to recover the increased cost of gas. A notice of application and intervention deadline was issued on August 1, 2000, with requests for hearing due on August 25, 2000. No requests for hearing were received. Default Order No. 6267 has been drafted and is ready for action. Commissioner Feland moved to approve Default Order 6267. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(379) In the matter of TN2058 - Shirley Hamilton dba Roundup Taxi, Roundup, Montana, PSC No. 9415, requests permission to amend her 'dba' to read Roundup Taxi and Delivery Service.

Class B – Passengers between all points and places in Roundup, Montana and a five (5) mile radius there.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the request to amend the 'dba' to read Roundup Taxi and Delivery Service. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Vicki Nelson

(380) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Final Bill Policy; Commissioner McCaffree moved to have Chairman Fisher send letter to MPC regarding their current policy stating it is using the policy that the PSC approved in 1995. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(381) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mountain Water – Transfer of Assets – Docket No. D2000.6.91; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve Order Approving Sale and Transfer of Utility (Order No. 6265) and granted operating responsibility to the Town of Superior Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(382) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mountain Water – Rate Case – Protective Order – Docket No. D2000.7.112; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue Protective Order No. 6264a. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott

(383) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Staff Travel; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for: a) Marla Larson to attend the Rock Meeting in Denver, Colorado, b) Leroy Beeby to attend the Advanced Regulatory Studies Program in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 8-13, 2000, c) Robin McHugh, Jay Driscoll, Kate Whitney and Scott Fabel to attend the 271 Workshop in Salt Lake City, October 3-6, 2000 (all travel expenses for the 271 Workshop will be paid for by Qwest). Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....September 12, 2000

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, September 11, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(384) In the matter of ENERGY NORTHWEST, INC., Docket No. D2000.7.103 - On July 24, 2000 the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline and Procedural Order No. 6259 on the application of Energy Northwest, Inc. for a increase in electricity rates. The deadline was August 11, 2000 for interventions. On August 24, 2000, the Department of Environmental Quality filed a Petition for Late Intervention. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the request for late intervention by DEQ. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(385) In the matter of MONTANA WIRELESS, INC., Docket No. D2000.3.28- On March 3, 2000 the Commission issued "Order on Petition for Temporary Suspension of Duty Under 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(2) [local number portability]" (Order No. 6232) in this docket. A "Notice of Petition, Notice of Opportunity to Intervene, Notice of Opportunity to Comment" was issued on March 8, 2000. On August 28, 2000, the petitioner, Montana Wireless, Inc. dba Blackfoot Communications, filed a "Notice of Withdrawal of Petition." Montana Wireless no longer needs a temporary suspension of its obligation to provide local number portability. The Commission-issued documents referred to above have been circulated electronically for Commissioner review as background. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve Order No. 6232 vacating and closing this docket. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There was no Transportation Agenda.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....September 17, 2000

10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, September 12, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, Eric Eck

(386) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Communications – Interconnection dispute – Docket No. D2000.9.149 (docket no. assigned 9/11/2000, after the petition was filed with the PSC); Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny the Montana Communications Petition and directed staff to notify Qwest that the PSC wants disconnect notification and directed Montana Communications to notify the PSC of the notice they provide to their customers. If Montana Communications does not notify the PSC within 1 week of Qwest notification, the PSC will notify the customers. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. No vote taken as a Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the same motion with the deletion of the reference to denying the petition. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Rowe, Anderson and Feland voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Eric Eck

(387) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company – Interim Increase for QF costs – Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue the Notice of Request for Comments with a one week extension approve for comments (due October 9, 2000). Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(388) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Bozeman School District v Montana Power Company – Docket No. D2000.9.140; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue Notice of Complaint allowing 20 days for response with provision that other signatories in gas restructuring case are included and given a chance to intervene. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(389) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Touch America – Petition for Arbitration (Qwest) – Docket No. D2000.8.124; Commissioner Anderson moved for the appointment of Robin McHugh as Arbitrator and appointed Robin McHugh as staff member to handle procedural matters. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Scott Fabel, Mike Lee

(390) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Wholesale Pricing – Docket No. D2000.6.89; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the Motions to Suspend the Proceedings (filed by McLeod/New Edge and Avista). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Tina Shorten

(391) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Customer Carpets vs USWC – Complaint regarding phone charges – Docket No. D99.4.89; Commissioner Feland moved to deny the Motion for Reconsideration. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(392) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of BFI v Jensen – Complaint – Docket No. T-00.111.COM; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the Notice of Complaint. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt

(393) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of State Participation in Rail Safety Accident Investigations; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the PSC's participation in Rail Safety Accident Investigations. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Fisher, Rowe and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioners Feland and Anderson dissented.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Dan Elliott

(394) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff travel; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for Bonnie Lorang to attend New Mexico State University's "The Basics – Practical Skills for a Changing Utility Environment", October 1-6, 2000 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as part of the faculty. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was on vacation but left his votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Rowe was at the CECA Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(395) In the matter of AT&T Communications, Inc. Docket N2000.9.141; On September 1, 2000, AT&T filed tariff transmittal 2000-16. In this filing AT&T is requesting to update the late payment charge language to clarify when and how the charge is assessed and to specify that the charges only apply when the balance exceeds \$25.00. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(396) In the matter of Touch America, Docket D2000.8.124; On August 8, 2000, Touch America filed a "Petition for Arbitration" pursuant to Section 252 (b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for Terms and Conditions of Interconnection with U S West (n/k/a Qwest Corporation). According to ARM 38.5.4030, the only party allowed intervention is the Montana Consumer Counsel. Intervention should be requested by MCC within 25 days of the filing of the petition. The Montana Consumer Counsel has requested late intervention. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request for late intervention by MCC. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(397) In the matter of T-00.110.OTSC – PSC No. 9394, Vance L. and Jackie L. Johnson dba V & J Taxi Service, Sidney, Montana has been suspended twelve consecutive months. An Order to Show Cause was issued on August 30, 2000 and forwarded to the motor carrier via certified mail. The carrier received the Order to Show Cause on August 31, 2000. There has been no response from the carrier and staff recommends cancellation.

Class B – Passengers between all points and places in Richland County. Limitation:
Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

Commissioner Feland moved to cancel PSC No. 9394. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(398) In the matter of T-00.106.RI – On August 3, 2000, the Montana Tariff Bureau as agent for and on behalf of Montana intrastate household goods carriers, filed an application for increased rates and charges to Household Goods Tariff No. 1 of between 4 and 7 percent. The rate increase was noticed to the public

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on August 10, 2000. There have been no filed comments or protests to the proposed increases. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the request for increased rates and charges. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(399) In the matter of TN2059 – Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. dba Kalispell Taxi and Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana and Janie McNair dba Snappy Cab, Libby, Montana mutually request that the lease of PSC No. 9404 be cancelled immediately.

Class B – Non-emergency medical and psychiatric patients to and from medical appointments at health care facilities within the following counties: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula, and Sanders. Limitations: Transportation must originate and terminate in Lincoln County.

Class B – Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places in Libby, Montana and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation of railway crews is prohibited. 2) Transportation by limousine is prohibited.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to cancel the lease of PSC No. 9404 immediately. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(400) In the matter of TN2060 – Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. dba Kalispell Taxi and Airport Shuttle, Kalispell, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9404 to Laura Smart dba Snappy Cab, Libby, Montana for a twelve month period, September 18, 2000 to September 18, 2001.

Class B – Non-emergency medical and psychiatric patients to and from medical appointments at health care facilities within the following counties: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula, and Sanders. Limitations: Transportation must originate and terminate in Lincoln County.

Class B – Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places in Libby, Montana and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation of railway crews is prohibited. 2) Transportation by limousine is prohibited.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the request to lease PSC No. 9404 for a period of 12 months. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(401) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of July 24, 2000 through August 28, 2000. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....September 19, 2000

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, September 19, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner (via telephone)

APPEARANCE

Martin

(402) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company – Rate of Increase for Non-Supply Components of Electric and Natural Gas Services – Docket No. D2000.8.113; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the Protective Order. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(403) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Columbia Heights Water Company (inadequate service) – Docket No. D98.10.246; Commissioner Rowe moved to find Columbia Heights Water Company in non-compliance. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck

(404) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of 711 Access to Telephone Relay Service; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve sending the letter via e-mail to all registered telephone companies in Montana. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck

(405) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Non-Rural HCF Telecom Carriers – Qwest and Mid Rivers Telephone Company's; Commissioner McCaffree moved to certify Qwest and Mid Rivers to FCC for 2001 Certification. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck

(406) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest – Wholesale Pricing – Docket No. D2000.6.89; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the request for a new hearing date (from March 12 to the next available date). Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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9:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Scott Fabel, Jay Driscoll

(407) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest – Voice Messaging Service on a deregulated basis – N2000.7.11; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant approval to the filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(408) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Interconnection Agreements – Docket Nos. D2000.6.93 HJN & Qwest and D2000.6.92 M.A.I.N.; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the Interconnection Agreements in Docket Nos. D2000.6.92 and D2000.6.93. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(409) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Communications v. Qwest (Complaint) – Docket No. D2000.9.152; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue a Notice of Complaint and ask the complainant to brief the jurisdictional issue by next Monday, September 25, 2000. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(410) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone / Hot Springs Telephone – Generic Protective Order – N2000.9.150 and N2000.9.151; Commissioner Feland moved to grant the extension of the generic protective orders to Ronan and Hot Springs consistent with the Qwest Protective Order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Dan Elliott

(411) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PSC / MCC Taxes (fees) – Docket No. D2000.9.57; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Final Order No. 6268 which does not change the MCC rate and to change the PSC tax from .25% to .28%. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Eric Eck

(412) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Tier 2 – Motion for Reconsideration of the PSC action of QF Letters of Intent – Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny MPC's Motion for Reconsideration. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(413) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Fairmont Hot Springs – Motion for Reconsideration of Order to rebate payments made for water before compliance with Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA – Docket No. D99.4.86; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Order No. 6162f granting Fairmont's request for Reconsideration NUNC ProTunc. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(414) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Havre Pipeline Company - Application for rate discounting – Docket No. D2000.9.147; Commissioner Feland moved to issue a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, September 25, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were absent but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(415) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D97.11.219; On September 18, 2000, MPC filed its third semi-annual true-up Advice Letter pursuant to Order No. 6035a. This filing is made by MPC in its role as servicer of the Natural Gas Transition Bonds. If the previous six-month period variance between the scheduled debt service and the actual amounts available to satisfy the scheduled debt service for such period exceeds 2 percent MPC is required to apply for adjustment to the Fixed Transition Amount (FTA) charges. The variance for the period was an overcollection of 5.76 percent or \$241,518. Staff recommends that the decrease in the FTA charges be approved effective October 1, 2000. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the decrease, effective October 1, 2000. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(416) In the matter of David Wick dba Montana Communications, Nos. D2000.9.149 and D2000.9.152; On September 19, 2000, David Wick dba Montana Communications filed a "Request for Oral Argument on Combined Dockets and Supporting Memorandum." Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request for Oral Argument by Montana Communications to be held September 26, 2000 from 11:00-11:30 a.m.. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(417) In the matter of TN2061- Dennis J. Lammerding JR dba Northern Transfer & Storage, Havre, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 2969 for a six-month period September 25, 2000 to March 25, 2001.

Class B - Property within the City of Havre, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding twenty-five (25) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) between all points in the State of Montana over public highways.

Class C - Property in the city of Havre, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto. Limitations: The transportation of property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited.

Commissioner Feland moved to suspend PSC No. 2969 for a period of six months. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(418) In the matter of TN2062 - Jill Michelle Richards dba Whitefish Taxi and Kiddie Cab, Whitefish, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9385 for a six month period September 13, 2000 to October 13, 2001.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places within Whitefish, Montana and an eleven (11) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation is prohibited south on U.S. Highway 2 at the intersection of U.S. Highway 2 and 40. 2) Transportation is restricted to that provided by vehicles with rated seating capacity of seven or less. 3) Transportation in limousine service is prohibited. 4) Transportation of Burlington Northern crews is prohibited. 5) Transportation of skiers is prohibited to or from the Big Mountain Ski area from Thanksgiving Day through Easter Sunday. 6) Transportation to or from the airport is prohibited.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to suspend PSC No. 9385 for a period of six months. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(419) In the matter of T-00.62.PCN - Margaret Stiger dba Northern Lights Limousine Service, Big Fork, Montana, PSC No. 9424, requests a 90 day extension to the temporary operating authority granted previously, from August 29, 2000 to November 27, 2000.

Class B - Passengers in limousine service between all points and places in Flathead County, Montana. LIMITATION: Transportation movements must originate or terminate in Big Fork, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the request for a 90 day extension to PSC 9424. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....September 26, 2000

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, September 26, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner (via telephone)
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner (via telephone)

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(420) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Columbia Heights Water Company – Docket No. D98.10.246; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(421) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Deposit Rule Petition – L-00.9.5-RUL; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the petition and notice the rule for comments. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Tina Shorten

(422) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of OSP Rate Caps – N2000.9.144; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve suggested rate caps (maximum allowable rates for OSP's). Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney

(423) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Essen Communications Co. – Request to resell cellular program – Docket N2000.8.135; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue the Notice of Tentative Conclusions. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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9:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....September 26, 2000

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At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, September 26, 2000 the following Quorum members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner (via telephone)
Gary Feland, Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, David Burchett

(424) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy West Montana – Post Hearing discussion – Docket No. D99.10.243; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the draft final order, subject to editing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, September 27, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner (via telephone)

Commissioner Anderson called in immediately following these work sessions and voted aye on all motions.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(425) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Communications – Petition for Contested Case Hearing – Docket Nos. D2000.9.152 and D2000.9.149; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny the Montana Communication's Petition for a Contested Case Hearing in Docket No. D2000.9.149. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree moved to dismiss Montana Communication's complaint against Qwest in Docket No. D2000.9.152. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(426) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of New Access/Qwest – Interconnection Agreement – Docket No. D2000.8.137; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement with a 10-day notice provision. Motion died for lack of second. Commissioner Anderson then moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement with a 30-day notice change and to include modification to be consistent with (5.17.3). Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....September 28, 2000

10:20 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, September 28, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent, but left her proxy on the following item to Chairman Fisher.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Dan Elliott

(427) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Personnel (Legal Division) and travel; Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize Robin McHugh to begin the process of filling the vacant attorney position in the Legal Division. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Fisher voted Commissioner McCaffree aye. Commissioner Feland dissented.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve out-of-state travel for Kate Whitney to travel to Denver, Colorado, October 24 and 25, for the 271 meeting, with Qwest paying the travel expenses. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted Commissioner McCaffree aye. Commissioner Rowe then moved to give the ACT authority to approve staff travel for future 271 meetings (with Qwest paying the travel expenses). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted Commissioner McCaffree aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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